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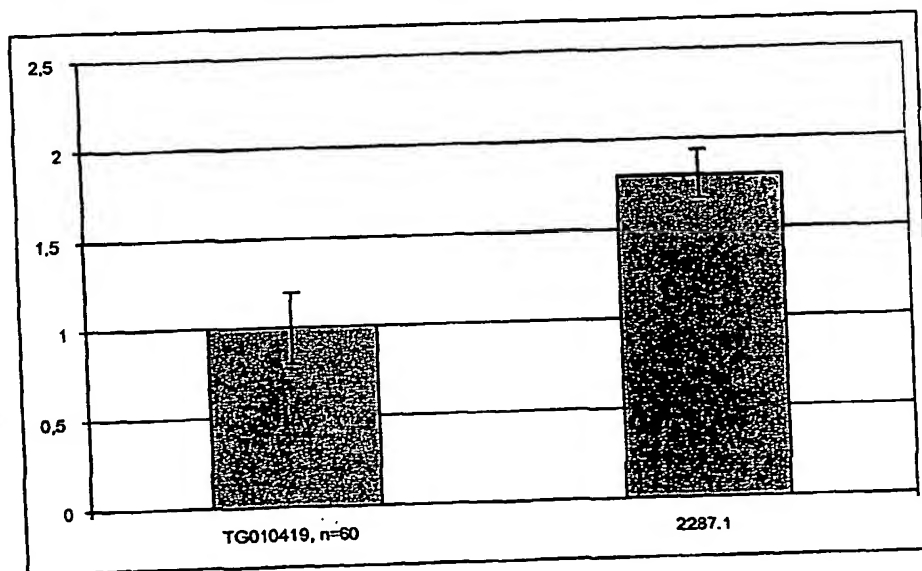
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(54) Title: CG3842 HOMOLOGOUS PROTEINS INVOLVED IN THE REGULATION OF ENERGY HOMEOSTASIS

Triglyceride content of a CG3842 mutant



(57) Abstract: The present invention discloses CG3842 or SCAD homologous proteins regulating the energy homeostasis and the metabolism of triglycerides, and polynucleotides, which identify and encode the proteins disclosed in this invention. The invention also relates to the use of these sequences in the diagnosis, study, prevention, and treatment of metabolic diseases and disorders.



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Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 1 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
2. ☒ Claims Nos.: 1-27
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see FURTHER INFORMATION sheet PCT/ISA/210
3. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

see additional sheet

1. ☐ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.
2. ☐ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. ☒ As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:
1-27 (all partially)
4. ☐ No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this International Search Report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

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- ☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
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This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. Claims: 1-27 (all partially)

Compositions, methods and uses involving a nucleic acid encoding a Drosophila protein (GadFly Accession Number CG3842).

2. Claims: 1-27 (partially)

Compositions, methods and uses involving SEQ ID NOs: 1 and 2 of the present application.

3. Claims: 1-27 (partially)

Compositions, methods and uses involving SEQ ID NOs: 3 and 4 of the present application.

4. Claims: 1-27 (partially)

Compositions, methods and uses involving a human PAN2 protein.

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210

Continuation of Box I.2

Claims Nos.: 1-27

Present claims 1-27 relate to an extremely large number of possible compounds (and uses thereof). In fact, the claims contain so many options, variables, possible permutations and provisos that a lack of clarity (and/or conciseness) within the meaning of Article 6 PCT arises to such an extent as to render a meaningful search of the claims impossible. Not only nucleic acid molecules of the short-chain dehydrogenase (SCAD) gene family are claimed, or SCAD homologous polypeptides (both terms being vague and undefined, rendering all claims referring to them unclear), but the claims refer also to fragments or variants of undefined nature, effectors, antibodies, aptamers, receptors recognizing a nucleic acid molecule of the SCAD family or said polypeptide encoded thereby.

The claims cover all products having this characteristic or property, whereas the application provides support within the meaning of Article 6 PCT and/or disclosure within the meaning of Article 5 PCT for only a very limited number of such products. In the present case, the claims so lack support, and the application so lacks disclosure, that a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope is impossible. Independent of the above reasoning, the claims also lack clarity (Article 6 PCT). An attempt is made to define the product by reference to a result to be achieved (i.e. being an effector, or receptor of another molecule). Again, this lack of clarity in the present case is such as to render a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope impossible. Consequently, the search has been carried out for the particular proteins mentioned in claim 2, and uses thereof.

Furthermore, on claim 2 reference is made to four different proteins which are not unitarily linked (see lack of unity section). The first of these molecules is a nucleic acid encoding a Drosophila protein characterized by the GdFly Accession Number CG3842. There is no sequence in the application as filed for said Drosophila protein, being the Accession number the only identification. Such a definition is unclear, thus contravening the requirements of Article 6 PCT. Nucleic acid or protein molecules must be unequivocally characterized by their nucleotide or amino acid sequences.

Furthermore, the lack of sequence for the Drosophila protein results in a lack of support within the meaning of Article 6 PCT and/or disclosure within the meaning of Article 5 PCT for all subject-matter relating to said Drosophila protein. Thus, a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope is impossible.

Thus, the search has been restricted to the particular SEQ ID NOs: 1 to 4 of the present application, to the GdFly Accession number CG3842, and also to the phenotypic effects shown in the mutant of the present application, i.e., increased triglyceride levels in Drosophila mutants.

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that claims, or parts of

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claims, relating to inventions in respect of which no international search report has been established need not be the subject of an international preliminary examination (Rule 66.1(e) PCT). The applicant is advised that the EPO policy when acting as an International Preliminary Examining Authority is normally not to carry out a preliminary examination on matter which has not been searched. This is the case irrespective of whether or not the claims are amended following receipt of the search report or during any Chapter II procedure.

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